



Greetings!

This is the Accessible Polling Place Locations and Equipment class (otherwise known as APPLE) presented by Contra Costa County Elections Department. We are excited about this opportunity to share this information with you.

The goal of this class has been to help poll workers understand all of the tools at their fingertips to create a welcoming and accessible polling location for all voters.

Contra Costa County Elections Department does an extensive survey well before Election Day to determine if a polling location is accessible. Sometimes little tweaks are necessary, and we supply those. We took this opportunity to help the poll workers understand all of the effort that goes into finding polling locations, and the final step they need to implement to complete the process.

Thank you for your interest.

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Accessible **P**olling **P**lace **L**ocations and **E**quipment

How to create an accessible and welcoming environment for all voters

Housekeeping



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Additional Challenges

- ▶ Arthritis or Fibromyalgia
- ▶ Hip or knee replacement surgery
- ▶ Chronic back pain
- ▶ Broken limb (Crutches)
- ▶ Might be pregnant or with a stroller

Additional Challenges





Learning Objectives

- ▶ Operating in an accessible way
- ▶ Our role, your role and working together
- ▶ Tools and how to use them



Agenda

- ▶ Accessibility
- ▶ Physical access to polling places
- ▶ Access to the ballot
- ▶ New Ballot Marking Device

Why Is This Important?

► You -the Poll Workers-
are the guardians
of Democracy!



Defining Accessibility



- ▶ Friendly and easy to talk to.
- ▶ A place that is able to be reached or entered.
- ▶ Able to be easily obtained or used.

Physical Access



Polling Place Survey



Polling Place Survey

- Number of accessible spaces
- Access aisles
- Slopes or other impediments



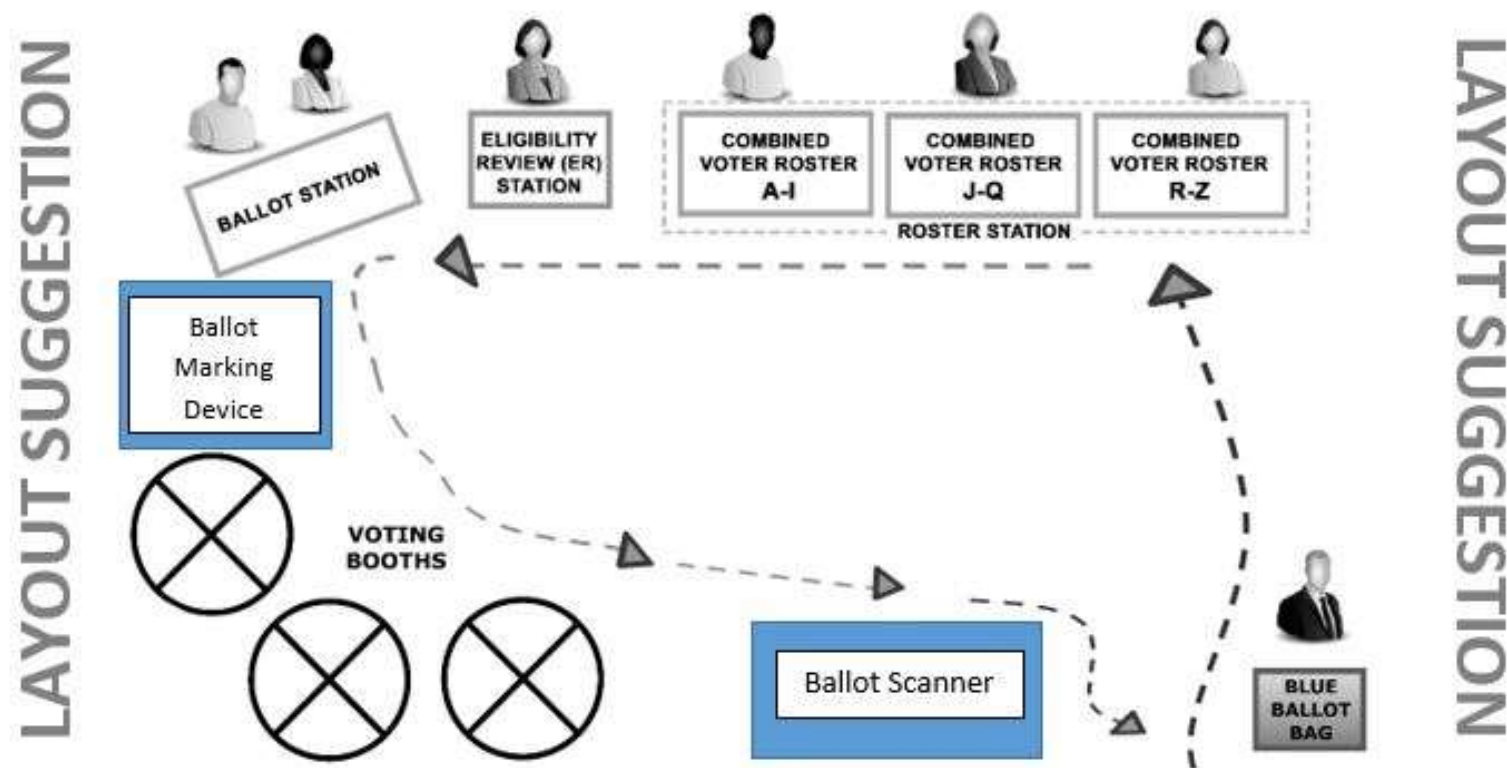
Polling Place Survey



Polling Place Survey



Look around you



Mitigating a Polling Place

Our Role

- Evaluate Sites
- Collect Data
- Develop Solutions
- Provide Mitigation Packet
 - Instructions
 - Supplies



Mitigating a Polling Place



Your Role

- Read Mitigation Packet
- Follow Instructions



Pam Fessler/NPR

Mitigating a Polling Place

- Check Items throughout the Day
- Bring Supplies Back Inside

Polling Place Survey Activity

Look outside for:

- ▶ Bread crumb signs
- ▶ Cones
- ▶ Doorstop

Review Pictures for challenges with:

- ▶ Carousel voting booth
- ▶ Ballot Marking Device
- ▶ Aisle and path ways

Polling Place Survey Activity



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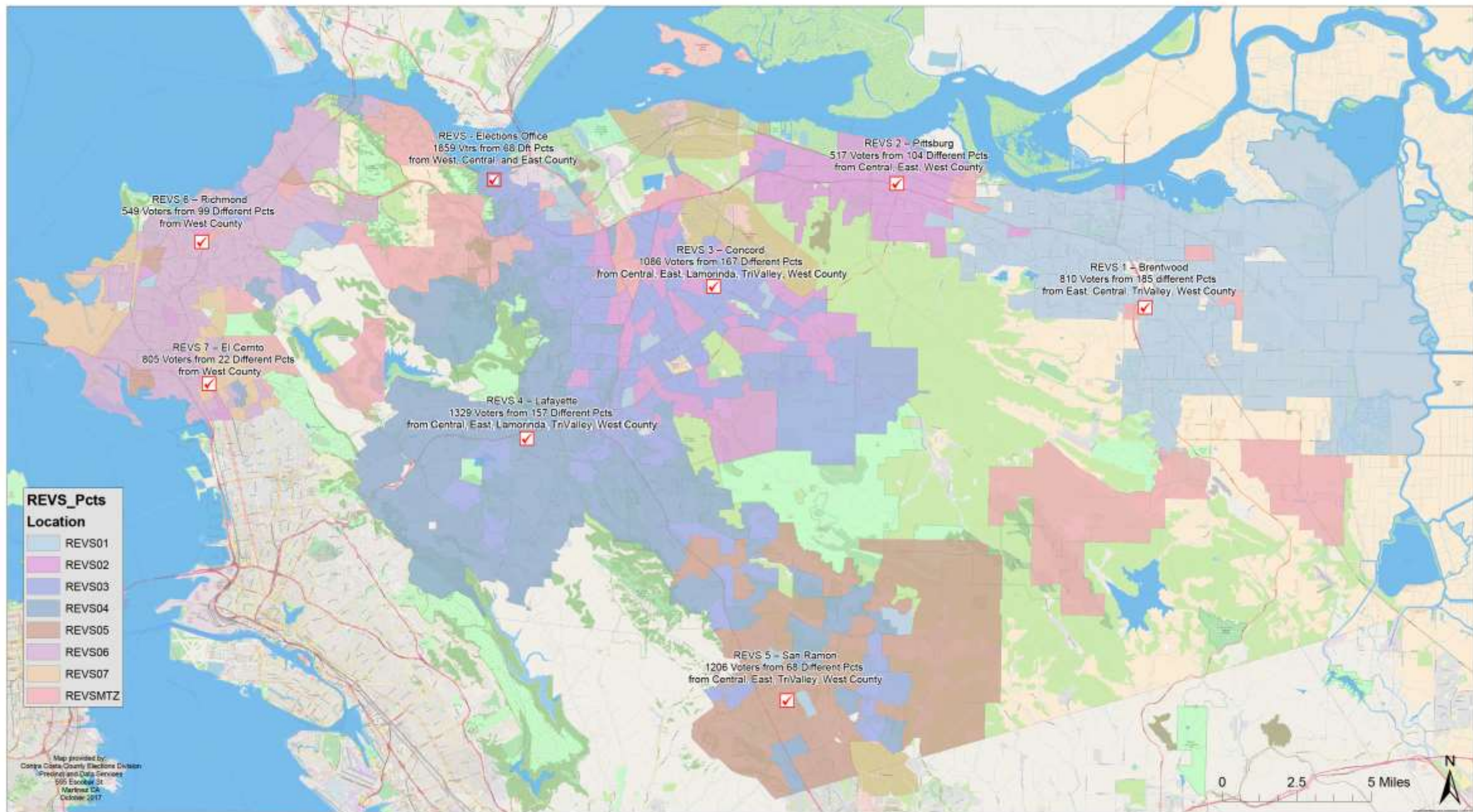


Polling Place Survey Activity



Polling Place Survey Activity

What have we learned so far?



Curbside Voting



Voter Assistance

Why do we
do that??

Voter Assistance Continued...

- ▶ Ask before you help
- ▶ Communicate directly with the voter
- ▶ Use “people-first” language
- ▶ Do not refer to people as handicapped

Even More about Voter Assistance

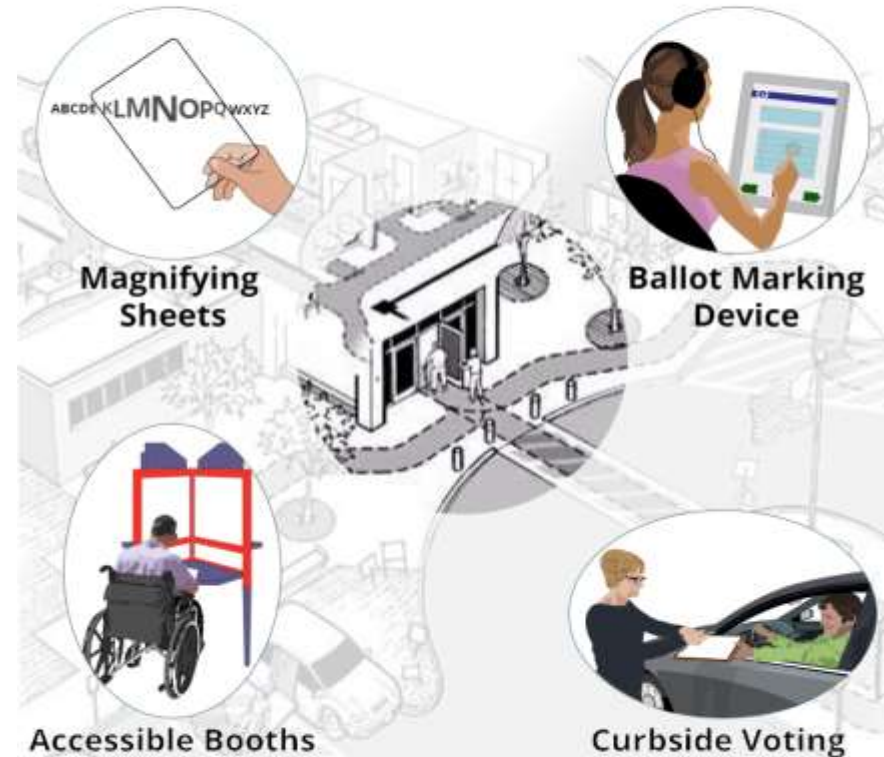
- ▶ Physical impairment
- ▶ Blind or have a visual impairment
- ▶ Deaf or hard of hearing
- ▶ Speech or communication difficulties

Manual Accessibility Tools

- Voting Booth
- Chairs
- Magnifying Sheets

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Contra Costa County is reducing barriers to increase voter access for participation on Election Day. The following resources are available at all Polling Places and Regional Early Voting Sites to ensure that voting is accessible to all voters.



Language Accessibility Tools

➤ Bilingual Poll Workers



➤ Trilingual Ballots

➤ Multilingual Materials



➤ Ballot Translation Guides



- Korean
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese

Ballot Marking Device Features and Tools



Ballot Marking Device

- Multilingual
- Adjustable Text Size
- Adjustable Contrast
- Audio Ballot
- Audio Tactile Interface
- Compatible with Personal Devices
 - Sip-and-Puff (Voter Supplied)
 - Paddles

The AutoMARK



Old Ballot Marking Device



New Ballot Marking Device



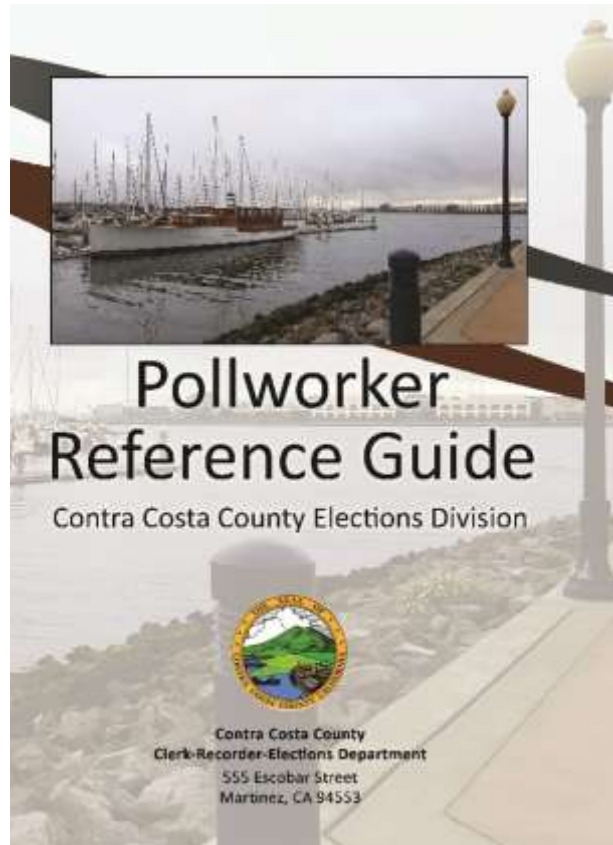
New Ballot Marking Device

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| Official Primary Election Ballot - Colorado Party County of Anywhere, Colorado - Tuesday, June 23, 2016 | | Ballot Style: 2 |
| Clerk and Recorder | | |
| Precinct Number: 1 | | Ballot Type: 2 |
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| United States Senator Vote for THOMAS EDISON Representative to the 116th United States Congress - District 2 Vote for (WRITE-IN) MARIE CURIE Regent of the University of Colorado - At Large Vote for ALBERT EINSTEIN State Representative - District 13 Vote for ISAAC NEWTON District Attorney - 1st Judicial District BLANK CONTEST County Commissioner District 1 BLANK CONTEST County Commissioner District 3 BLANK CONTEST | | |

Review

- What has been your take away?
- What tools do you have?

Review



Open Houses for training on the new Ballot Marking Device and Scanner

Required classes for Inspectors and Clerks

Congrats: You've Earned it!





THANK YOU!

